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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1617

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APPLICATION NO: 08/945,249

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FOR: USE OF (R)-PENCICLOVIR TRIPHOSPHATE FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF A MEDICAMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF
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Sir:

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Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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